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(190) KENNEDY-DULLES

WASHINGTON, NOV. 29 (AP)-PRESIDENT KENNEDY DROPPED IN AT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO PAY HIS RESPECTS TO ITS RETIRING DIRECTOR, ALLEN W. DULLES.

KENNEDY FLEW BY HELICOPTER YESTERDAY FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO THE CIA'S HEADQUARTERS AT LANGLEY, VA., TO JOIN IN AN UNHERALDED CEREMONY FOR THE 68-YEAR-OLD DULLES WHO LEAVES HIS POST TODAY.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AWARDED DULLES THE NATIONAL SECURITY MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE FIELD OF INTELLIGENCE.

HE ALSO PRAISED HIM AS "AN ALMOST UNIQUE FIGURE IN OUR COUNTRY," A MAN WHO HAS SERVED THE UNITED STATES UNDER SEVEN PRESIDENTS AS A DIPLOMAT, WARTIME CHIEF OF UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS AND HEAD OF THE CIA.

"I KNOW OF NO MAN WITH AS GREAT A SENSE OF PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO HIS WORK," KENNEDY SAID.

THE FAREWELL CEREMONY TOOK PLACE IN THE LOBBY OF THE MAIN CIA BUILDING WITH ABOUT 700 OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES LOOKING ON. ALSO ON HAND WERE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, KENNEDY'S MILITARY ADVISER, GEN. MAXWELL TAYLOR, AND ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

DULLES THANKED KENNEDY FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE CIA AND FOR HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE AGENCY'S PROBLEMS. HE ALSO THANKED THE CIA EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR HELP THROUGH "GOOD TIMES AND BAD."

DULLES, BROTHER OF THE LATE SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES, IS RETURNING TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW.

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